



# **I. POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS**



## A. POPULATION

At the time of the publication of this report, the United States Census Bureau has not released final census estimates for 2001. As a result, this chapter on Louisiana's population depicts information from the United States Census Bureau's ten-year census count conducted in the year 2000. According to the 2000 census count, Louisiana's resident population was 4,468,976 as of April 1, 2001.

The state's subgroup census counts for 2000 are given in the following table.

<b>Louisiana Population Census, 2000</b>								
<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Age Group (Years)</b>						
		<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>5-19</b>	<b>20-44</b>	<b>45-64</b>	<b>65-84</b>	<b>85+</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Male</i>	<i>White</i>	90,077	302,368	514,703	331,410	147,649	11,811	1,398,018
	<i>Black</i>	63,956	210,838	244,602	119,318	40,543	4,233	683,490
	<i>Other</i>	7,762	21,636	34,014	13,931	3,778	274	81,395
<i>Female</i>	<i>White</i>	86,248	288,748	510,898	341,581	198,891	31,777	1,458,143
	<i>Black</i>	61,873	206,737	282,935	144,414	62,508	9,987	768,454
	<i>Other</i>	7,476	20,310	31,547	14,665	4,884	594	79,476
<i>Both</i>	<i>Total</i>	317,392	1,050,637	1,618,699	965,319	458,253	58,676	4,468,976

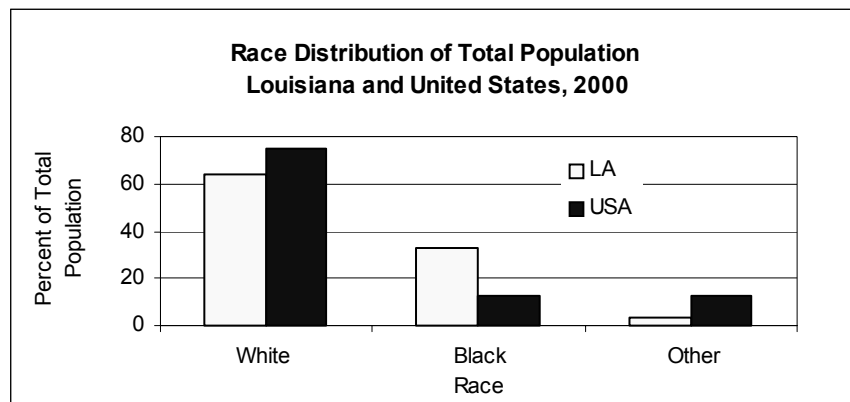
Source: United States Census Bureau, 2000 Census

A comparison of the year 2000 national and state population census counts show that Louisiana and the United States have very similar age distributions. Relative to the country as a whole, Louisiana has a larger percentage of population aged 5 to 19 years, but a smaller percentage aged 20 to 44 years.

<b>Percent of Total Population by Age Group Louisiana and United States, 2000</b>							
	<b>Age Group (Years)</b>						
	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>5-19</b>	<b>20-44</b>	<b>45-64</b>	<b>65-84</b>	<b>85+</b>	<b>All Ages</b>
<i>Louisiana</i>	7.1	23.5	36.2	21.6	10.3	1.3	100.0
<i>United States</i>	6.8	21.8	37.0	22.0	10.9	1.5	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 2000 Census

Estimates of the population distribution by race, however, show the percentage of blacks in Louisiana is more than twice the national average. Blacks comprise 32.5 percent of the state's population, versus 12.3 percent nationally. The proportion of blacks in individual parishes in Louisiana ranges from 4 percent to 67 percent.



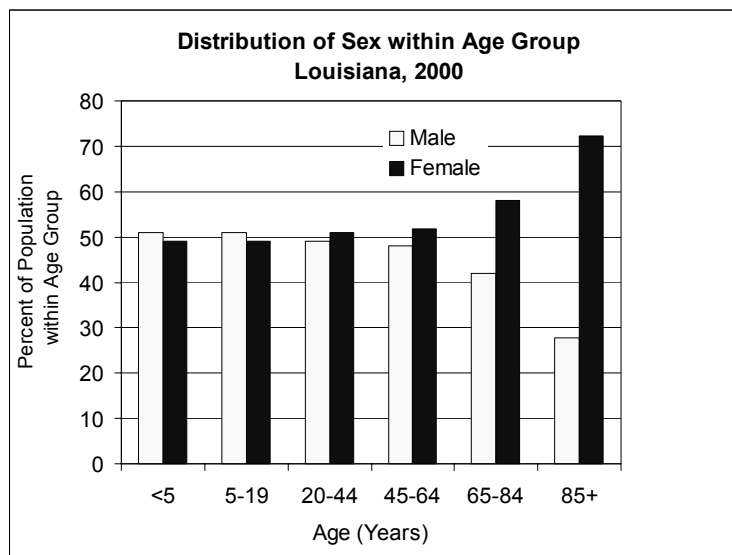
Source: United States Census Bureau, 2000 Census



<b>Percent of Total Population by Race Louisiana and United States, 2000</b>				
<b>Location</b>	<b>Race</b>			
	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Louisiana</i>	63.9	32.5	3.6	100.0
<i>United States</i>	75.1	12.3	12.6	100.0

Source: United States Census Bureau, 2000 Census Estimates

As in the rest of the nation, advancing age results in an increase in the proportion of women to men. Louisiana's year 2000 census percentages for the 45 to 64 years age group are 48 percent male and 52 percent female. The percentages change to 28 percent male and 72 percent female in the 85 years and older age group.



Source: United States Census Bureau, 2000 Census

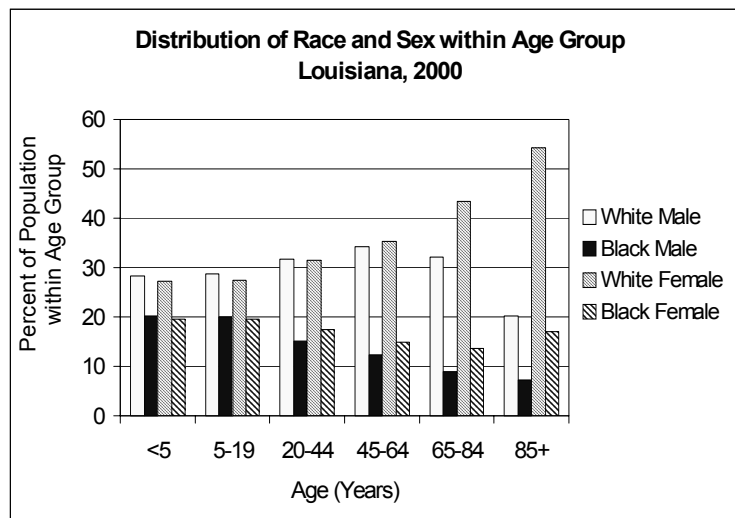
<b>Percent of Race and Sex within Age Group Louisiana, 2000</b>							
<b>Sex</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Age Group (Years)</b>					
		<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>5-19</b>	<b>20-44</b>	<b>45-64</b>	<b>65-84</b>	<b>85+</b>
<i>Male</i>	<i>White</i>	28.4	28.8	31.8	34.3	32.2	20.1
	<i>Black</i>	20.2	20.1	15.1	12.4	8.8	7.2
	<i>Other</i>	2.3	2.0	2.1	1.4	0.8	0.5
	<i>Total</i>	51.0	50.9	49.0	48.1	41.9	27.8
<i>Female</i>	<i>White</i>	27.2	27.5	31.6	35.4	43.4	54.2
	<i>Black</i>	19.5	19.7	17.5	15.0	13.6	17.0
	<i>Other</i>	2.4	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.1	1.0
	<i>Total</i>	49.0	49.1	51.0	51.9	58.1	72.2

Source: United States Census Bureau, 2000 Census

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.



Within individual age groups, the race/sex proportions in Louisiana change with advancing age. Prior to age 20 years, both white males and white females comprise approximately 29 percent of the population of each age group and black men and women approximately 20 percent. By age 85, 54 percent of the population are white women, 20 percent are white men, 17 percent are black women, and 7 percent are black men. Women are more likely to live into their mid-eighties than men are at 72.2 percent and 28.7 percent, respectively.



Source: US Census Bureau, 2000 Census

The United States Census Bureau provided parish level population data for 2000. The changes in Louisiana's parish populations that occurred between the 1990 census and the 2000 census are presented in the table below.

<b>2000 Population Figures for Louisiana and Parishes</b>				
<b>Parish</b>	<b>4/1/1990 Census</b>	<b>4/1/2000 Census</b>	<b>% Change 1990-2000</b>	<b>4/1/2000 % as Total of State Pop.</b>
<i>State Total</i>	4,219,973	4,468,976	5.9	100.0
<i>Acadia</i>	55,882	58,861	5.3	1.3
<i>Allen</i>	21,226	25,440	19.9	0.6
<i>Ascension</i>	58,214	76,627	31.6	1.7
<i>Assumption</i>	22,753	23,388	2.8	0.5
<i>Avoyelles</i>	39,159	41,481	5.9	0.9
<i>Beauregard</i>	30,083	32,986	9.6	0.7
<i>Bienville</i>	15,979	15,752	-1.4	0.4
<i>Bossier</i>	86,088	98,310	14.2	2.2
<i>Caddo</i>	248,253	252,161	1.6	5.6
<i>Calcasieu</i>	168,134	183,577	9.2	4.1
<i>Caldwell</i>	9,810	10,560	7.6	0.2
<i>Cameron</i>	9,260	9,991	7.9	0.2
<i>Catahoula</i>	11,065	10,920	-1.3	0.2
<i>Claiborne</i>	17,405	16,851	-3.2	0.4
<i>Concordia</i>	20,828	20,247	-2.8	0.5



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DeSoto	25,346	25,494	0.6	0.6
E. Baton Rouge	380,105	412,852	8.6	9.2
E. Carroll	9,709	9,421	-3.0	0.2
E. Feliciana	19,211	21,360	11.2	0.5
Evangeline	33,274	35,434	6.5	0.8
Franklin	22,387	21,263	-5.0	0.5
Grant	17,526	18,698	6.7	0.4
Iberia	68,297	73,266	7.3	1.6
Iberville	31,049	33,320	7.3	0.7
Jackson	15,705	15,397	-2.0	0.3
Jefferson	448,306	455,466	1.6	10.2
Jefferson Davis	30,722	31,435	2.3	0.7
Lafayette	164,762	190,503	15.6	4.3
Lafourche	85,860	89,974	4.8	2.0
LaSalle	13,662	14,282	4.5	0.3
Lincoln	41,745	42,509	1.8	1.0
Livingston	70,523	91,814	30.2	2.1
Madison	12,463	13,728	10.2	0.3
Morehouse	31,938	31,021	-2.9	0.7
Natchitoches	36,689	39,080	6.5	0.9
Orleans	496,938	484,674	-2.5	10.8
Ouachita	142,191	147,250	3.6	3.3
Plaquemines	25,575	26,757	4.6	0.6
Pointe Coupee	22,540	22,763	1.0	0.5
Rapides	131,556	126,337	-4.0	2.8
Red River	9,387	9,622	2.5	0.2
Richland	20,629	20,981	1.7	0.5
Sabine	22,646	23,459	3.6	0.5
St. Bernard	66,631	67,229	0.9	1.5
St. Charles	42,437	48,072	13.3	1.1
St. Helena	9,874	10,525	6.6	0.2
St. James	20,879	21,216	1.6	0.5
St. John	39,996	43,044	7.6	1.0
St. Landry	80,331	87,700	9.2	2.0
St. Martin	43,978	48,583	10.5	1.1
St. Mary	58,086	53,500	-7.9	1.2
St. Tammany	144,508	191,268	32.4	4.3
Tangipahoa	85,709	100,588	17.4	2.3
Tensas	7,103	6,618	-6.8	0.1
Terrebonne	96,982	104,503	7.8	2.3
Union	20,690	22,803	10.2	0.5
Vermilion	50,055	53,807	7.5	1.2
Vernon	61,961	52,531	-15.2	1.2
Washington	43,185	43,926	1.7	1.0
Webster	41,989	41,831	-0.4	0.9
W. Baton Rouge	19,419	21,601	11.2	0.5
W. Carroll	12,093	12,314	1.8	0.3
W. Feliciana	12,915	15,111	17.0	0.3
Winn	16,296	16,894	3.7	0.4

Source: United States Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 Census Data